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March 2009

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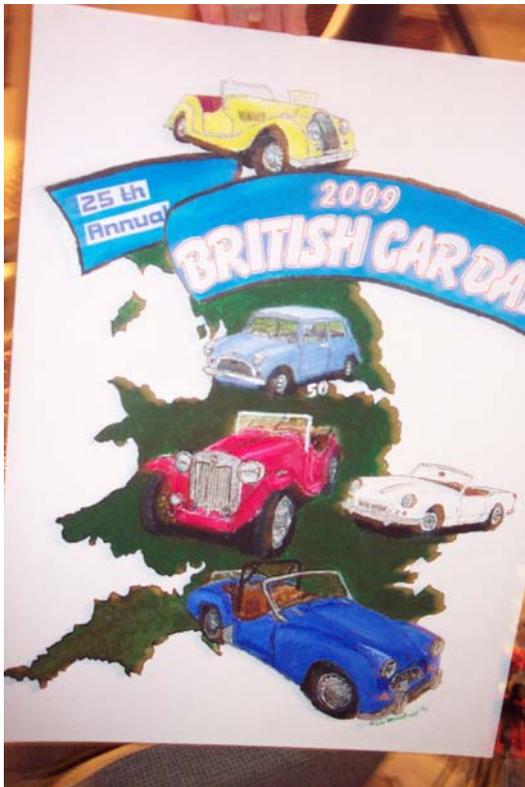
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Cutoff date for next month's Marque is the 20th.

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The President's Comments, **March Marque, 2009**

As we leave February I have to think...Where's the year going so fast. Why.. just yesterday it was Christmas and the day after, New Year's and suddenly we are staring at St. Patrick's Day.....!!

Monday was President's Day and the Loveland School system did not use it as a make-up day for the winter (snow day time) losses. In twelve days we will have the March meeting and vote for the candidates of our choice. I was late to the February meeting because I was getting ready for a medical procedure and screwed up the timing of the prep work and the leaving hour. In consequence, I did not lead a toast to our new president, Mr. Obama. Just as well, seeing how things are going for him at present. We are not seeing any really new faces in his cabinet selection, just retreaded Clinton people, and some number of his original picks have been duds due to not paying their taxes (a malady for the highly placed whether Republican or Democrat) and it all suggests that Government is playing fast and loose with those people while they extract every last thin dime from the middle and lower income tax payers, who might also be in arrears. Then there's the fill-in Senate candidate from Illinois handily admitting to all the misdeeds he was originally charged with, but was denying until seated. The rank and file of the Illinois caucus are doing the right thing asking for his recall. Bet he does not step down without a fight, shouting all the time "It's all legitimate!!!"

Our elections should be somewhat easier, just row upon row of people shouting "If elected I won't serve!!!" We

are all volunteers in this club. Service should be considered an honor, not a penalty. The truth being that there is not an officer of the club now or in the past that wore out in harness or that was buried with a pen or a pencil still firmly grasped in his tightly clinched fist.

Elsewhere in the Marque is a letter from a candidate for office. It bears scrutiny.

Continue to think about who could be deserving of the awards and who you'd like to see as officers. As a reminder, the positions that are open are the Vice President, Membership and Event Chairmen, for club officers in 2009 – 2010, and the awards are - Marque of Distinction, Keeping it on the Road, Press on Regardless and Most Improved Car of the year.

Thanks for listening, Stan Seto

The Vice President's Corner

My change-same remarks could have gone on much further last month. I know though that no one would really enjoy that. And I look back thinking that I failed the few valid points that I could have made. Silly me. As we close upon the great banquet day, I write my last comments as Vice President of MVT after four years of service. I leave to allow a fellow Triumph enthusiast the opportunity to serve an organization that is noble in its celebration of the Triumph name. Other clubs may gather in their own cause, but Triumph cars is a truly unique and classic definition of the spirit of an age that has passed us before its value was fully defined. As many things continue to change (few for the good) ; I

wonder how the good people of Chicago could let Meigs field be bulldozed. We have lost the Fudruckers club house, and the Trading post publication in bleak days that are aflutter with the eminent demise of Saab, Saturn, and for the most part, Pontiac! How does the old song go? "Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've lost till its gone". If I see all too clearly, it only made me a grumbling old teacher that hates Toyota. It was not supposed to be a matter of ugly heart. I shall choose to brighten my countenance with a smile and take it like an American. Fighting back! Our club deserves a leadership with clear mind, and with a vision of what the club could provide to its membership. My president should know my enthusiasm goes deeper than my wallet. I will serve with British American pride. If I do not stay overnight with the travelling group this year, then maybe next. I hope no one thinks me a party pooper. The friendship is highly valued. So the membership will have to cope without my long winded ramblings. They were of no real value other than maybe a chuckle, right?

In the hanger, my friend Jim Hielman's work is being appreciated. My friend has re-pinned the Mini hinges and I have dressed them with spot putty. They will be mounted as soon as I see temps above 30 degrees. This is the 50th year for the Mini. By the way, if you have never ridden in one be advised that it only takes once to contract permanent Mini Madness. Nothing else on earth has infected me so completely! I hope to drive my Mini to BCD this year. Rj may not be available to drive the Spit as he has continued plans to become an aviation mechanic. The Marine Corps offered him a place and he has all but sworn in. I was greatly enriched to have

a fine son to share the car hobby with. I will miss his presence at my side. More change. His cussing and fussing reminded me of my own steep learning curves. Although I fuss less, it seems that I still don't get my hearts desire accomplished. Maybe I should reach a little lower. Restoring just one car should be enough. As we approach this point in conversation with certain of our buddies we lower our head and admit, "we are car whores". We can never have enough. My wife has been patient. Spring is near and I am at the end of my ridiculous UD class work. I am a STEM teacher but few know or care what that means. (Science Technology Engineering & Math)

TR6 will perhaps be the recipient of an entirely new wiring loom. I thought that the TR had the same Delco-Remy electronics. Perhaps not. If a \$9 remote starter switch causes the engine to crank over where the starter switch fails, then this car has some Lucas jokes in the making. It will wait. I need clear head and long summer days for that one.

The Spit rests as is for now. None of the cars has escaped loss of road insurance for now. Even the 72 Mustang policy lapsed. Guess where my stimulus money will go? Just firing them up the other day brought back that old feeling again. Hurry summer.

The art work that I undertook has met with some approval. I wanted to attempt it so we could have a much livelier shirt for this BCD show. I will have it at the meeting Wednesday. If approved, this would be an ironic honor for me. After years in many clubs, no car, model car or art has ever appeared on any of my clubs web sites, magazines or advertisements. This would be a first for me.

Rev you later tail gator.

The next meeting of the Miami Valley Triumphs will be 4 March at a temporary place. O'Charlies restaurant at 7:30.

February meeting minutes.

Meeting called to order @ 7:45.
Meeting held @ the bowling alley due to closure of Fuddruckers.
V.P. held the meeting.
Need to find a new location to hold the meeting.
Treasure report: got money.
Secretary report: nothing.
Membership: 36 members.
Events: Banquet in March 7 at Beaver Creek Golf Course. \$10 each person.
Money to Lois or call her. Election ballots are due March 2 either electronic from the Marque or paper ballots at the next meeting.
Pres arrives a little late. Adds to comments.

In the Mail

-----Original Message-----
From: On Behalf Of Triumph Trans-America Information
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 1:08 PM
To: Triumph Trans-America
Subject: [Triumph Trans-America] Updates to the TTACD website

Greetings Everyone!

Just some updates on current developments.

A NEW U.S. NON-PROFIT
For reasons the organisers still do not fully understand, "Gift from Within"

- the non-profit for the United States, decided to withdraw from this event some weeks ago. I am delighted to inform you that we have been able to attract another non-profit based in Baltimore, Maryland by the name of THE SIDRAN INSTITUTE. You'll be able to read what Sidran does with PTSD by visiting its website at www.sidran.org. Speaking purely for myself, I am delighted we have been able to forge this new link as I was getting close to tearing out the few hairs still left on my head!!!

RALLYBOARD

If you go to the event website and click on "Evolving Route" - you'll see we have an entirely NEW rallyboard for each car. While this may not have the appearance of a 'RALLYE MONTE-CARLO' board - ours has an important story to tell. The reasons why it was changed are on the website. We'll soon start opening the shop for people to reserve their rallyboards and I'll be writing to you again in the near future on that very point. There are just one or two important loose ends to tie up - and then we'll hopefully be able to see how many cars want to take part in 'caravans'.

MEMORABILIA / REGALIA

Last November, I added a feature to the website headed "for the sartorially inclined" and this related to a range of polo-shirts, Tee shirts, Caps and Visors that Carl Musson had most kindly put together as a range for you to buy. Somehow, that post disappeared into the archives but you can still see what Carl has prepared by clicking on <http://mysite.verizon.net/res10wape/index.html> I'll be updating the main website very soon with a new button so you'll know where to go to order what you need. Please take the time to choose something for your crew to wear when you take part in your

bit of the Charity Drive.

THE CAR

Joe Pawlak and his merry team of busted-knucklers at ISOA are doing an absolutely STUPENDOUS job with the re-birth of "uncle jack." If you haven't visited the website recently, go have a look at Joe's comments that have been posted by Tim Buja. There are some fabulous pix of the engine in the course of rebuild - and finished, too. Be assured, absolutely no Stag engine ever left Coventry looking that good - even on the cars for international Motor Shows!!!! I had an email from Joe a day or so back when he commented that *his* rebuilt engine won't leak oil. Hmm. I've never come across a Standard-Triumph engine that wasn't oil-tight - even when new, so I'll have to see how I can encourage a few 'weeps' here and there as the journey progresses :)

EVENTS

So far, I've had invites for about 22 different visits / car shows across the US and Canada and I'm looking forward to ALL of them, especially those where we have all British makes together. It looks as though there are some potentially good 'caravans' forming as well - so let's get some really LARGE ones underway - and overtake all the traffic in the process!!!

I'll write again soon

Cheers, John Macartney

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Charity Drive 2009
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Posted by request

You have a year.

Just a year - after that I will resign as Vice President (if elected, of course).

You have a year for more than the usual suspects to step forward to serve the club.

Since joining in 1984 I have been President (three times), Vice President (twice), Membership, Events (three times), and newsletter editor for 8 years. I think it's high time for others to step forward.

But, you have a year.

Have you noticed the same folks always seem to be the officers?

I have.

If it wasn't for them we wouldn't have a club.

Maybe that's an option. At least they wouldn't feel pressured to take the job since "somebody has to."

Sad when guilt drives election choices.

I might challenge any other of the "old guard" that gets elected to do the same thing.

Blasphemy?

Maybe, but it might drive home a point to other club members not to take our service for granted.

I have kids, kids that will soon join Scouts, kids that will join Scouts that will want to have dad along.

And dad will want to go.

Cars are just cars, but kids are...kids.

See, clubs are fun when everyone pitches

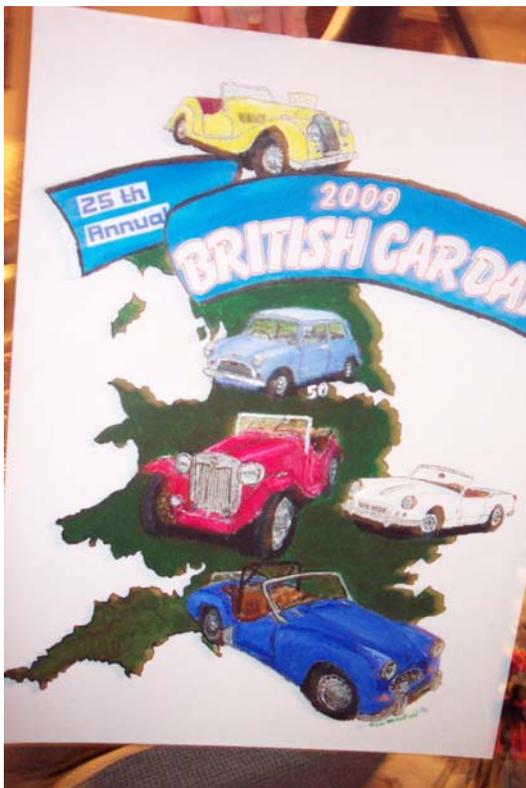
in, and part of pitching in is taking your turn at being an officer. It's part of that volunteering to do something since you know you're part of an active entity, something vibrant, growing and fun. You pitch in since you've seen others do it and know it's a duty you do for the fellow club members - servant leadership.

Not because you feel guilty.

So, if elected, you have me for a year.

After that, I'm Dad.

Vote On-Line if you have not done so by first of March. Final vote count upcoming!!



ii Painting done for possible T-shirt use at BCD. Come to the meeting for a closer look.



A Note from Lady Lois, Awards Banquet Co-ordinator

MVT FAMILY

For those who missed our very entertaining holiday soiree[how is the fish behaving Duncan?], here is your opportunity to gather with fellow MVTers at our annual awards dinner. The dinner is scheduled for March 7, 2009, at Beaver Creek Golf Club[same location as last year] at 2800 New Germany Trebien Road. We will gather at 6:00 PM, dinner will be served at 6:30PM. We are having a 3 entree buffet so come hungry. Ice tea and coffee are on the menu. For those who wish a more serious drink, there will be a cash bar.

Members are to pay \$10.00 per person, MVT will cover the additional costs. Call reservations to Lois Bigler by March 1, 2009. Make checks payable to Miami Valley Triumphs. Come enjoy the evening and see who will carry home the MVT awards!!!!!!!

Reservations and/or questions call
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